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SUBJ: EXCHANGES - INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM

REF: A) BUCHAREST 3150: B) BUCHAREST 3212

1. DURING A DISCUSSION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE MATTERS WITH DEPUTY FORMIN GLIGA JULY 24, THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED U.S. CONCERN REGARDING LACK OF ROMANIAN NOMINATIONS FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM IN 1974 (REPORTED REFTEL A). GLIGA PROFESSED NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THIS FACT BUT PROMISED TO "TAKE MATTER UP" WITH HIS COLLEAGUES.
 2. ISSUE WAS ALSO TOUCHED ON BRIEFLY IN EARLIER MEETING SAME DAY WITH FORMIN MACOVESCU (A UNION OF WRITERS VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE BUCHAREST CHAPTER).
 3. TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER, EMBASSY MET WITH UNION SECRETARIES SZASZ AND LUPAN JULY 25 AS FOLLOW-UP TO ENGLE LETTER OF JUNE 27. INFORMED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD PRESSED MATTER PREVIOUS DAY AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BOTH SZASZ AND LUPAN AGREED THAT THIS WILL BE "VERY HELPFUL". IN ADDITION, BOTH AGREED THAT PROPOSAL (STATE 146745) TO LIMIT PROGRAM TO FOUR MONTHS MAY BE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO GAIN "EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL DECISION" LIMITING FOREIGN TRAVEL OF ROMANIAN WRITERS OF WHICH UNION WAS INFORMED IN EARLY JUNE. SZASZ AND LUPAN STATED THAT THEY WOULD
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CONSULT WITH MACOVESCU IN HIS ROLE OF BUCHAREST SECRETARY AND

REQUEST THAT THE MATTER BE RECONSIDERED.

4. ONCE AGAIN, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT DECISION TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION IMPOSED ON UNION FROM OUTSIDE SOURCE (SEE PARA ONE, REFTEL A) AND THAT PROGRAM ENJOYS STRONG SUPPORT WITHIN UNION CENTERING ON PAST PARTICIPANTS. IT IS APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT ROMANIAN NOMINATIONS, IF FORTHCOMING, WILL BE LAST-MINUTE AFFAIRS. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT ALL PARTIES RECOGNIZE NEED TO BE ACCOMMODATING TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND PRINCIPLE OF ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION. ENGLE'S LETTER IN FACT STATES THIS CLEARLY ("AT ANY TIME WE WILL ACCEPT MORE WRITERS FROM ROMANIA, AT WHATEVER TIME THEY CAN COME....")

5. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORM POST WHEN DECISION TO INAUGURATE SEPTEMBER 1 BEGINNING FOR FOUR-MONTH PROGRAM IS FIRM.
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